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As of Wednesday

Pilot Instructor Training

Squadron	Senior Class	Overall
99th FTS	-1.0	0.0
558th FTS	3.6	0.9
559th FTS	-13.5	-6.2
560th FTS	-0.8	-2.0

Numbers reflect days ahead or behind for senior pilot instructor training class and an average for all PIT classes currently in training.

Navigator, EWO training

562nd FTS		563rd FTS	
Air Force	260	Undergraduate	41
Navy	79	International	0
International	2	EWC Course	0
		Fundamentals	0

Numbers reflect students currently in training. The 562nd shows source of navigator students. Air Force students include Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard. The 563rd indicates students in specific courses.

Wing Sortie Scoreboard

Aircraft	Required	Flown	Annual Required
T-1A	3,812	3,906	3,835
T-6A	8,671	8,855	8,863
T-37B	8,585	8,664	8,641
T-38A	8,539	8,923	8,640
T-43A	1,155	1,234	1,158

Numbers reflect the required and flown missions as of Tuesday, and the required missions for fiscal 03.

Weekend weather

Day	Forecast	High	Low
Today		82	54
Saturday		82	53
Sunday		79	53

Leadership

Security forces member recognized

By **Jennifer Valentin**
Wingspread staff writer

The 12th Security Forces Squadron operations flight commander was recently awarded the 2003 Air Education and Training Command's Lance P. Sijan Leadership Award.

Capt. Kareem Brooks was awarded the award due to the outstanding leadership abilities demonstrated while assigned to the 12th SFS, said Maj. Stephen Spurlin, 12th SFS commander.

"Captain Brooks is an outstanding officer and will make a great commander one day. Everyone is very proud of him," the major said.

As director of Randolph law enforcement and security operations since November 2001, Captain Brooks is responsible for the management of security plans and programs, confinement issues, base visitor control, criminal investigations, base-wide anti-terrorism programs and military working dogs operations.

"Captain Brooks provides exceptional leadership for more than 100 personnel, who provide security and law enforcement services to the 13,000-member Randolph community," said Lt. Col. Roger McNeal, who was the 12th SFS commander at the time of Captain Brook's nomination.

The captain's visionary leadership led to the full integration of Air Force Reserve, Air National Guard and Army National Guard security forces into the unit, with 30 percent of them placed in critical leadership position, said the colonel. He also supervised investigations, which re-covered more than nine pounds of narcotics, and a record of \$95,505 in lost, stolen and confiscated property.

Captain Brooks also supervised the development of joint training exercises between the 12th SFS, fire department and bioenvironmental team, the colonel added.

Captain Brooks said he is still surprised



Lt. Gen. John Hopper, Air Education and Training Command vice commander, presents Capt. Kareem Brooks, 12th Security Forces Squadron operations flight commander, with the 2003 AETC Lance P. Sijan Leadership Award. (Photo by Joel Martinez)

that he won the award, but that it couldn't have been possible without the dedication of his troops.

"This award is a testament to the trust and responsibility I place in my troops," he said. "The only reason I was able to compete for this award was the hard work and day-to-day professionalism of the security forces members under my command, who did the right thing when I asked them to and even when I did not ask."

Captain Brooks said that if he did anything to deserve the award, it was knowing how to listen to the right people, remain fair and never forget that he is responsible for taking care of the members of his flight.

And as his commanders all agree, the

captain has done a great job at taking care of his troops.

"Captain Brooks has shown outstanding leadership in his work, and he provides an excellent example for his troops and for other Randolph members," said Col. Greg Patterson, 12th Support Group commander.

This is another reason why Captain Brooks was also selected as the 12th Flying Training Wing Company Grade Officer of the Year for 2002, officials said.

"Captain Brooks deserved this award, for all of his hard work and dedication to the security forces organization, as well as to the base as a whole," said Col. Mark Graper, 12th FTW commander. "We are all very proud of him."

Stripes for Exceptional Performers

Firefighter receives unexpected promotion

By **Airman 1st Class Chad Tarpley**
12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

A Randolph firefighter was recently promoted to master sergeant through the Stripes for Exceptional Performers program.

Master Sgt. Patrick Emery, 12th Civil Engineer Squadron, was selected for the promotion due to his outstanding dedication to service, said officials.

"Sergeant Emery has displayed exactly what it takes to be a senior NCO," said Col. Mark Graper, 12th Flying Training Wing commander. "He has done an outstanding job at the fire department and is deserving of the promotion."

Sergeant Emery was surprised with his new stripes during a routine unit staff meeting on Sept. 16, the sergeant said.

Colonel Graper, the wing command chief and Sergeant Emery's group and squadron commander all walked in in the middle of the meeting.

"Colonel Graper said he was looking for me so I stepped up, Sergeant Emery recalled. "He then told me I was out of uniform and then presented me with my new master sergeant stripes and a wing coin. Then, Col. Greg Patterson, (12th Support Group commander) presented me with a 12th Support Group coin."

"I was totally in shock," said the 16-year Air Force veteran. "Colonel Graper

told me that word came back all the way from Air Education and Training Command commander Gen. Don Cook that he is proud of me and that I did an outstanding job while being deployed at Prince Sultan Air Base, (Saudi Arabia).

While there, from February to June 2003, the new master sergeant was the station chief and then assistant chief of operations, supervising a shift of 26 people.

He spearheaded the inventory and shipping process of equipment valued in the millions of dollars to bases throughout the area of responsibility, according to Sergeant Emery.

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While our goal is to provide the best programs, products and services to our customers, there will be instances when people believe we could have served them better.

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When those officials are unable to provide

satisfaction, the individual may contact me through the Action Line. I will ensure each Action Line call is looked into and a reply is given by telephone or in writing. I ask callers to include their name and telephone number so we may send a personal response.

Col. Mark Graper
12th Flying Training Wing commander

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Civilian Pay	652-6480	Base Exchange	674-8917
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Traffic fines

Question: Why are civilians be subject to paying monetary fines for traffic violations and active duty military are not? It doesn't appear civilians and military are receiving equal justice. Civilians receive a federal fine and active duty military receive a slap on the wrist.

Answer: The safety of base residents is the goal of the base traffic program. All violations of the law, including traffic offenses, are handled under the system of

justice that has jurisdiction. Military members are subject to and punished under the Uniform Code of Military Justice. Civilian offenders are charged in Federal Magistrate Court.

Commanders have discretion and a number of disciplinary tools, which are applicable to military members and not civilians. Although the justice systems and punishments may be different, they are appropriate and authorized by law. Thank you and drive safely.

Personal readiness equals mission readiness

By Master Sgt. Carey Shoff
52nd Medical Group

SPANGDAHLEM AIR BASE, Germany — Readiness — one of my favorite topics! I'm not talking about chemical gear and shot records readiness. I'm talking about personal life readiness, family and financial readiness, if you will.

I have to be honest. As the 52nd Medical Group first sergeant, I have a higher motive for talking it up all the time.

You see, the more "readiness-minded" everyone is, the less workload I have during deployments and temporary duties. Just as orange juice "is not just for breakfast anymore," readiness and being prepared to deploy 24-7, 365 are not just for those supporting flying operations.

Increasingly, individuals who traditionally did not deploy all that much in the past are getting the call, sometimes with very short notice. Even in those career fields where people are accustomed to frequent deployments, brand new troops are being deployed.

Are they ready?

Are we as supervisors preparing them and their families properly? I like to think we are. However, our preparations often focus on duty-related issues, so I'd like to share a few things that often get overlooked at the house.

Let's start with financial readiness

Everyone should keep in mind that while AFI 36-2908, Family Care Plans, only requires military-married-to-military couples with children to maintain a documented care plan on file with the first sergeant, it also requires all Air Force members with families to have a plan that reasonably covers all situations, both short and long term.

First and foremost, make sure that spouses and family members have access to money in some way, shape or form. An automated teller machine card, an allotment to a separate account, access to a joint account — something! You may not believe this, but I have helped plenty of spouses who could not buy food for themselves or their children because they were waiting to receive a check each payday from the military member who was deployed to Afsomewhereastan.

With the unpredictability of the mail from some deployment locations, it could take weeks to arrive. Unacceptable!

What about your bills? If I told you that you were leaving tonight, could you pay all your bills on time from wherever you were? This is especially critical for you single folks out there. Why not use these new-fangled computers to your advantage. Set your bills up to be paid by allotment, electronic transfer, or pay them over the Internet. At a minimum, mail your payments early from your location.

Avoid having a buddy take care of your

bills. There are way too many potential problems with that plan. I've seen them all; your buddy may deploy at a later date, get separated from the Air Force early for a multitude of reasons, head out for 30 days of emergency leave, or be a not so honest guy, just to name a few.

And how about family readiness?

Does everyone who needs a power of attorney have one, and is it current? Does your spouse have a power of attorney to handle everything concerning your vehicles or other personal property?

And speaking of vehicles, make sure your car registration is good through your expected return date if possible, and if it is not, work to extend it. Your spouse will need that car while you are gone and I am sure you will want to be able to drive it upon returning, and not have to deal with a 30 day non-op registration due to your registration expiring.

Do not forget the rent. Most landlords are not very happy when they don't get their money on time, or the amount isn't quite right due to the changing exchange

rate. Again, you may find this advice very basic, but I worked four or five of these rent issues during a recent deployment.

Family care plans, anyone?

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For those military-married-to-military couples who have children, and require a documented plan, is your plan up to speed?

What if you both had to deploy tomorrow? Is your plan such that you can leave your children and feel comfortable that all of their needs will be met?

Bottom line folks! We are all susceptible to deployment at anytime. Just because you or troops from your particular work center haven't gone anywhere since Gen. Chuck Yeager broke the sound barrier doesn't mean you won't get the call tonight.

Being as prepared as possible in your personal life allows you to focus full attention on the mission while in the combat zone. So take care of yourself and your family. Be deployment ready 24-7.

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Airshow coming soon

By Ralph Monson
12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Two of the U.S. military’s premier demonstration teams will headline a spectacular aerial lineup here Nov. 1-2.

The U.S. Navy Blue Angels aerial demonstration team and the U.S. Army Golden Knights parachute jump team are the heavyweights in the air show’s all-star lineup. There will also be performances and flyovers by the Air Education and Training Command T-6A Texan II demonstration team, several of Air Combat Command’s aerial demonstration teams and more than a dozen other modern and vintage military aircraft.

“The Commemorative Air Force will perform its famous “Tora Tora Tora” reenactment of the attack on Pearl Harbor,” said Lt. Col. Todd White, Randolph Air Show director. “And we will also have special appearances by civil aerobatic stars such as Sean Tucker and Ed Hamill.”

While the air show team is working hard to put together a memorable aerial display, the colonel points out that the Randolph Air Show will also include plenty of action at ground level.

“The air show is a family event,” Colonel White said. “There will be a full schedule of flying activities and an equally impressive lineup of events on the ground.”

More than 40 military and civilian aircraft are scheduled for static display and show organizers are expecting a variety of military related ground exhibits, including a vintage uniform display featuring over 40 uniforms ranging from the 1940s to modern day military wear. The exhibit also features a variety of equipment, flight gear and old Air Force manuals.

Several special activities are planned for children, including “Stepping Stones to Aviation,” a miniature airport complete with pedal-powered planes.

“The miniature airport features pedal-powered models of aircraft such as the F-117 Stealth. Students learn airport terminologies and procedures as well as preflight inspections and communications protocols. Upon completion of their first successful flight, each receives a flight certificate,” said Shelta Reese, air show coordinator for Services activities.

The children’s area will also have other interactive activities such as a 35-foot bungee run, a 40-foot giant slide and inflatable obstacle course, a moon bounce and play unit with slide and ball pond. There will also be air-brush face painting with several stencils of planes for children and adults to choose from, including T-1, T-37, T-38, and T-6.

“Many of these activities are free,” said Ms. Reese, “however, there will be a nominal fee for some events such as the miniature airport and face painting.”

The air show, which is being held in conjunction with the greater San Antonio area observance of Celebrate America’s Military Week and the Centennial of Flight, is expected to draw hundreds of thousands of spectators. The air show is scheduled to run from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on both days. The public is invited with free parking and admission.

The Blue Angels demonstration features six Navy and Marine Corps pilots flying F/A-18 Hornets through a demanding series of approximately 30 precision maneuvers. Each maneuver reflects the individual flying skills required by today’s military combat pilots and the professionalism of all military aviators.

The Golden Knights perform precision aerial maneuvers at descent speeds reaching 120 miles per hour, then land dead center on target. The Golden Knights are considered the world’s best parachute team.

For more details about the event, visit the air show Web site at www.randolph.af.mil/airshow.



Master Sgt. Patrick Emery, 12th Civil Engineer Squadron firefighter, inspects a thermal imager at the fire department. (Photo by Airman 1st Class Chad Tarpley)

Firefighter gets promotion

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“There is no way this achievement could have been accomplished without the help and support of the personnel deployed with me,” Sergeant Emery said.

Aside from the sergeant’s accomplishments overseas, he has also received a lot of recognition, being named both the Randolph Firefighter of the Year and Veterans of Foreign Wars Schertz Post Volunteer Firefighter of the Year for 2001.

Sergeant Emery’s daily duties include handling the Randolph Fire Department’s budget, including purchasing all the equipment while taking care of equipment repairs and accountability.

According to Lt. Col. Fant, 12th Civil Engineer Squadron Sergeant Emery is an outstanding NCO, who really deserved the step promotion.

“We have come to expect his kind of performance from our civil engineers,” said Colonel Fant. “He definitely deserved this promotion.”



Chief Master Sgt. Jeff Sargent, 12th Flying Training Wing command chief master sergeant, inducts the 12th FTW's newest staff sergeants and staff sergeant selects into the non-commissioned officer corps Thursday at the enlisted club. (Photo by David Terry)

Higher learning

Base's newest staff sergeants, selects learn basics of NCO corps

By Senior Airman Lindsey Maurice
12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

More than 45 of Randolph's newest staff sergeants and staff sergeant selects gathered at the enlisted club Sept. 22-25 for the second annual base non-commissioned officer orientation.

Sponsored by the Team Randolph Middle Managers Association, the four half-day seminar was geared toward providing staff sergeants and senior airman with the tools needed to be a successful NCO, said officials.

"This orientation is a way for us to give our newly selected staff sergeants a better understanding of what it means to be an NCO and of all the responsibilities both professionally and personally that come with

the title," said Tech. Sgt. Ruben Perez, Team Randolph Middle Managers Association president. "It's kind of like our vehicle to 'jump start' their transition to the NCO corps."

During the orientation the students were briefed on many different subjects, including how to cope with the change of becoming an NCO, stress and time management, how to conduct counseling and feedback sessions, standards of discipline, enlisted assignments, effective writing, financial responsibilities and investing, enlisted heritage and NCO leadership and responsibilities.

The students were also able to ask base first sergeants and chief master sergeants questions during two separate panels during the last two days of class.

"This was a very informative seminar,"

said Staff Sgt. James Evans, 12th Civil Engineer Squadron. "The course was able to answer a lot of questions that we had and it gave us an opportunity to network with fellow NCOs and senior NCOs to share thoughts, ideas and different ways to maintain standards of discipline. "(Also,) having the different chiefs and first sergeants who were there and gave very motivational speeches, increased the desire in me to insure that the troops I lead and work with want to have a hand in improving the Air Force and keeping it at a level to always stay the best there is."

Various volunteers throughout the base NCO and Senior NCO corps conducted all the briefings and sat on the panels.

"We were lucky to have so many experienced and knowledgeable volunteers

to help us conduct the orientation this year," Sergeant Perez said. "All of our briefers and panelists did an outstanding job. The students really responded well to what they had to say."

The orientation culminated with the 12th Flying Training Wing NCO induction ceremony on Sept. 25. The Air Education and Training Command and Air Force Personnel Center held their own NCO induction ceremonies on Sept. 5 and Sept. 19.

During the wing induction, Chief Master Sgt. Jeff Sargent, 12th FTW command chief master sergeant, read the oath of induction to the wing's 35 newest staff sergeants and selects. The oath was then followed by a certificate and coin presentation from Col. Mark Graper, 12th FTW commander and Chief Sergeant.

AETC division wins Vandenberg Award

By Master Sgt. Michael Briggs
Air Education and Training Command Public Affairs

An Air Education and Training Command headquarters element joined such distinguished company as Gen. Carl Spaatz and Lt. Gen. Jimmy Doolittle when it received the Air Force Association Hoyt S. Vandenberg Award for Aerospace Education recently.

The AETC technical training division in the directorate of operations received the award at the AFA national convention Sept. 15 in Washington, D.C.

Presented since 1948, the 2003 Vandenberg Award recognized the technical training division's "outstanding planning, directing and implementation of officer and enlisted training and Basic Military Training programs that are directly helping shape tomorrow's Air Force,"

said Pat Condon, AFA national president, who presented the award to Col. James Briggs, AETC technical training division chief.

According to the inscription on the award plaque, the 74-person technical training division was recognized for its flawless execution of the command's \$813 million technical training program that supports more than 225,000 students annually.

The division oversees one of the largest technical training programs in the world. A typical training day involves 20,000 students attending some 4,000 courses at 74 locations throughout the globe.

From partnering with the Air Force Recruiting Service to ensuring the right people enter basic military training to delivering fully trained airmen to the field, the technical training division provides a "force multiplier that

transforms raw recruits into disciplined, trained, motivated and fit Air and Space Expeditionary Force warriors," said Brig. Gen. William Fraser III, AETC director of operations.

The general added, "40,142 BMT and 225,000 graduates just doesn't happen. It takes a technical training team to make it happen — getting the right training at the right place at the right time."

The success of the division's efforts to transform technical training in AETC is AEF driven and designed to support the field, according to the division's nomination package. In the past year, the division worked hundreds of basic and technical training issues dealing with modernization and other efficiencies that saved money, streamlined the training process and graduated students trained to a higher level.

12th CS establishes call center to handle customer needs

By Jennifer Valentin
Wingspread staff writer

The 12th Communications Squadron has recently made some organizational changes that reflect changes in technology and improved customer service.

For many years, people calling the base operator at Randolph have been treated to a friendly voice offering fast directory and connection assistance. While the friendly voice remains, there are some changes. Realignment of operator functions will place existing telephone operators in a new office — the Call Center. Newly assigned technicians will be

qualified to handle both computer/network trouble calls and telephone operator functions.

"Under the new organization, the telephone switchboard operators and the Network Control Center help desk will be integrated into one," said Joe Thele, 12 CS, future state team leader. "We are the first base-level squadron in the Air Force to do this."

The new integration will give the customer more efficient service, Mr. Thele said. More automated service will be available, making it easier for some customers to find telephone numbers or organizations. For example, commonly requested phone numbers, such as the Air

Force Personnel Center and military personnel flight, will be automated so the customer can access them directly.

"Even though there were 14 job positions removed between the switchboard and help desk, the call center will offer the same support to our customers," said Capt. Catherine McDaniel, 12th CS, missions systems flight commander. "However, we do not want to forget the retiring base operators who served Randolph for 134 combined years of civilian service."

The retiring base operators are Daphne Bible, Lee Vinson, Chris Ingle, Jim Evans, Rachel Rivas, Judy Sacca, and Lam Baumbach.

Only one Randolph operator, Helen Spence, is moving to Lackland to join their staff as a base operator.

"These folks have provided tremendous service to Team Randolph and their country for many years. We are extremely grateful for their professionalism and outstanding service," said Lt. Col. Terry Parrott, 12th CS commander.

Customer service telephone numbers will remain the same. For operator assistance, call 652-1110. For computer help desk requests, call 652-2015, option 3.

"We ask that our customers be patient with us while we try to make the service better," said Captain

McDaniel. "The staff needs time to work out any kinks and learn the new integrated process." Colonel Parrott said, "The new call center is the beginning of a new era for Team Randolph, but we need to say goodbye to all of the operators leaving us."

"The base operators as we know them, are ending a long and distinguished era of superior customer service. We appreciate all they have done for us and the thousands of troops they've touched here at Randolph and across the globe!"

For more information on the recent changes, call Captain McDaniel at 652-3500.

AF Climate Survey underway

People have the power to change the future when they complete the 2003 Air Force Climate Survey, which was launched Wednesday.

“‘Speak Today, Shape Tomorrow’ is a great message for all of us,” said Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald Murray. “I strongly encourage you to participate in this survey. I hope you support this effort, because with this data, we can make this great Air Force of ours

better. Together, we can shape tomorrow for the Air Force, our people, and our families.”

The survey, offered every two years since 1997, measures how people feel about leadership, supervision, training, recognition and other aspects of Air Force organizations.

Previous surveys included active-duty officers, enlisted members and appropriated-fund civilians. This year, the survey

will include the Air Force Reserve Command, Air National Guard, nonappropriated-fund civilians, and students in a temporary-duty status.

The survey runs through Nov. 23 and can be completed online at <http://afclimate.survey.af.mil> anytime during the survey period from either a government or personal computer.

(Information provided by the Air Force Manpower and Innovation Agency)

CFC reaches halfway point

By 2nd Lt LaShonda Bush
12th Flying Training Wing
Public Affairs

The 2003 Combined Federal Campaign is at the halfway mark and Team Randolph is still pressing to reach its goal of \$1,104, 907.

“We’re making great strides in our campaign, but we haven’t contacted everyone yet,” said Maj. Walt Shearer, CFC Project Officer.

As of Oct.1, \$648,104 has been donated in support of the campaign.

Supporters have a wide range of organizations to choose from with over 1,500 charities registered in the 2003 campaign brochure, including 200 local ones.

The CFC allows donors to specify exactly where their contributions will go. If funds are not specifically designated, they are distributed among various charities.

“While the contribution alone is welcome, we encourage everyone to find an agency in the CFC Brochure they can get excited about and support,” said Maj. Shearer.

If you haven’t had a chance to donate there’s still time. The campaign runs until Oct. 21.

Donations may be made by payroll deduction, personal checks or cash.

For more information, contact your unit keyworker.

New ribbon recognizes deployed members

By Master Sgt. Randy Mitchell
Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James Roche has approved award of the Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon to recognize service members support of air expeditionary force deployments.

The AFESR will be awarded to Air Force active-duty, Reserve and Guard people who completed a contingency deployment after Oct. 1, 1999, according to officials.

“Deployed status is defined as either deployment on contingency, exercise, deployment orders or members sourced in direct support, in-theater or out, of expeditionary operations with an overnight stay away from home station,” said Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Simmons, AFPC superintendent of the awards and decorations section.

To qualify for the award, individuals must have deployed for 45 consecutive days, or 90 non-consecutive days, in a deployed status.

“Any contingency deployment qualifies regardless of the duty, destination or location of the temporary duty — including those within the continental United States,” Sergeant Simmons said.

There is also no time limit to accumulate the 90 non-consecutive days.

“People will continue accumulating contingency TDY days until they reach 90 days,” he said. “Every consecutive 45 days, regardless of TDY length, counts toward an additional ribbon. For example, 90 consecutive days of TDY qualifies an individual for

two AFESRs; 180 consecutive days qualifies him or her for four ribbons.”

Permanent party people overseas are not eligible for the ribbon, unless they are forward deployed on a contingency deployment, according to Sergeant Simmons. People deployed on an overseas short tour may receive both the AFESR and the Overseas Short Tour Ribbon, providing they meet the requirements for both, he added.

According to Sergeant Simmons, to receive the award the individual should report to his or her serving military personnel flight once they return from deployment to validate entitlement to the ribbon. The individual must present a copy of their deployment orders and completed travel voucher; any citations or certificates received while deployed may also help prove entitlement.

“If the special order doesn’t identify the TDY as a contingency deployment the current squadron commander may validate AFESR entitlement by evaluating the request and verifying any supporting documentation,” said Sergeant Simmons. “If necessary, they may also contact other people with first-hand knowledge of the member’s deployment.”

“The commander would then provide a memorandum to the military personnel flight validating the TDY and how many days the individual was deployed,” he added.

For more information, contact the Military Personnel Flight at 652-3848.

Recruiting’s best named as Blue Suit winners

By Staff Sgt. Marti Ribeiro
Air Force Recruiting Service
Public Affairs

The Air Force Recruiting Service recently recognized the winners of Operation Blue Suite XXV. The program recognized the Air Force’s top fiscal 2003 recruiters worldwide.

Operation Blue Suit was initiated in 1979 to stimulate production in critical Air Force recruiting programs. Originally designed to enhance enlisted recruiting efforts during the traditional crunch months of February through May, the program proved so successful it was expanded over the years. Blue Suit now recognizes the top 12 enlisted and officer accessions recruiters from among nearly 1,800 recruiters around the world.

AFRS will honor the Blue Suiters and their spouses during a number of events in San Antonio starting Monday. Long-time Blue Suit supporters such as the Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce and many others pitch in to honor the Air Force’s top recruiters with awards, receptions and recreational activities.

“This is the first time I’ve received a Blue Suit award,” said Tech. Sgt. Scott J. Wealton, 368th Recruiting Squadron. “You go about your daily job and don’t know if anyone recognizes what you do - and then you receive an award like

this. It’s really an honor.”

The winners were nominated from their assigned recruiting groups and selected by a board based upon their performance meeting assigned recruiting goals, leadership and other professional qualities.

“These 12 recruiters did an outstanding job,” said Brig. Gen. Edward Rice Jr., AFRS commander. “Their combined efforts put 411 new airmen and 53 health professions officers in a blue suit this past year.”

This year’s Blue Suiters are:

Tech. Sgt. Bruno Pell II, 311th RCS, Middleburg Heights, Ohio
Staff Sgt. William Malcom, 313th RCS, Tonowanda, N.Y.
Staff Sgt. Jason Maloney, 318th RCS, Newark, Del.
Staff Sgt. Shawn Brantum, 330th RCS, Fort Wayne, Ind.
Master Sgt. Gregory Richmond, 332th RCS, Knoxville, Tenn.
Staff Sgt. Richard Blankenship Jr., 332th RCS, Hoover, Ala.
Staff Sgt. David Demeter, 343th RCS, Cedar Rapids, Iowa
Staff Sgt. Jason Tag, 344th RCS, Arlington, Texas
Master Sgt. Gary Mowry, 349th RCS, Fort Smith, Ark.
Tech. Sgt. Chris Williams, 362nd RCS, San Francisco, Calif.
Tech. Sgt. Ace Apodaca, 367th RCS, Aurora, Colo.
Tech. Sgt. Scott Wealton, 368th RCS, Roy, Utah

COMMANDER CONNECTION

(Editor’s note: This column is intended to unofficially introduce new unit commanders to the base community.)

Col. Steve Brummond

Air Force Security Assistance Squadron


Key to success in the Air Force:
“Be an example to your fellow men and women, both in duty and in private life.”

Home town: Bloomington, Minn.

Your vision for the unit: Professionals leaning forward to provide the best managed training and education for tomorrow’s allied air and space forces.

Previous assignment: Carlisle Barracks, Pa.

Best Air Force experience: Working for a boss who puts service and troops before self.



JEAD honors base airmen

By Airman 1st Class Chad Tarpley
12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

The annual Junior Enlisted Appreciation Day is on Oct. 10 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Eberle Park.

“The JEAD picnic is just one opportunity for us to celebrate the hard work and dedication with Team Randolph’s junior enlisted,” said Col. Mark Graper, 12th Flying Training Wing commander. “We encourage everyone to come out and salute our troops.”

According to Senior Master Sgt. Terry Warren,

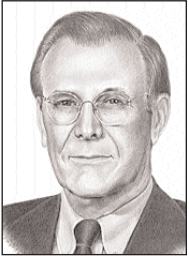
JEAD co-chair, the day will start off with a 3-on-3 basketball and volleyball tournament, horseshoes and a tug-of-war game. There will also be a dunking tank, DJ and picnic of brisket, hot dogs and hamburgers.

“Last year, the JEAD picnic was a success and we expect the same results this year,” said Sergeant Warren. “We really go all out with this to show the airman that we really appreciate their hard work.”

Ticket will be available at the picnic for \$3. People attending are encouraged to bring lawn chairs.

America at War

“Our mission is to help Iraqis so that they can build their own nation. Our objective is not to create dependency, but to encourage Iraqi independence by giving Iraqis increasing responsibility, over time, for the security and governance of their country. The sooner Iraqis can take responsibility for their own affairs, the sooner U.S. forces can come home.”



Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld
Washington Post column Sept. 25, 2003

Randolph supports global mission
As of Monday, 111 Team Randolph members are deployed in support of military operations around the globe.

Costly, dangerous effort in Iraq worth the risk
By Staff Sgt. Stephen Hudson
Special to American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — U.S. and coalition efforts in Iraq are “difficult, costly and dangerous,” Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said Sept. 25. But the work, he stressed, “is worth the risk, and it’s worth the cost, because if the coalition succeeds then we deal terrorism a powerful blow.”

Speaking to more than 500 scholars, professionals and military members at the Dwight D. Eisenhower National Security Conference, Secretary Rumsfeld highlighted the success the coalition is seeing in both Iraq and Afghanistan.

Coalition officials are operating on the same guiding principle that has brought success to efforts in Afghanistan, Secretary Rumsfeld said. “Iraq and Afghanistan belong to the Iraqi and Afghan people. The United States does

not aspire to own those countries or to occupy them.”

He discounted accounts the United States is “going it alone” in Iraq and Afghanistan, citing 32 nations that are providing military or financial support and humanitarian relief.

“Today we are again hearing suggestions the postwar effort is on the brink of failure, and it will take longer than 21 days,” Secretary Rumsfeld said, relating the reconstruction effort to the number of days it took U.S. and coalition forces to take Baghdad during the war.

Secretary Rumsfeld compared the pace of postwar reconstruction in the five months since major combat operations ceased in Iraq to that of Germany and Japan after World War II.

“In just two months, an independent Iraqi Central Bank was established,” Secretary Rumsfeld said, “and a new currency (was) announced — accomplishments that took three years in postwar Germany.”

Within two months, he said, all major Iraqi cities and most towns had municipal councils, something that took eight months to accomplish in postwar Germany. Within four months, the Iraqi Governing Council had been appointed, something that took 14 months in postwar Germany.

“When all is said and done,” the secretary said, “the Iraq plan to win the peace will, in fact, succeed, just as the plan to win the war succeeded.”

HOMELAND SECURITY ADVISORY SYSTEM
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Time to study

Enlisted promotions require time, effort

By Master Sgt. Randy Mitchell
Air Force Personnel Center
Public Affairs

There are many things airmen can do to affect their chances for promotion, but perhaps the most important is taking the time to study. While this may not seem important to an airman just out of basic training, the same holds true for them as well.

The Weighted Airman Promotion System may be used in determining who gets promoted within the noncommissioned officer ranks, but the ‘clock’ used in four of the six factors begins from the time an airman enters the Air Force. Time in grade and time in service are earned naturally, but decorations and enlisted performance reports are determined by how well someone does their job.

According to the chief of the Enlisted Promotions and Air Force Testing Branch here, there are several things that airmen should focus on to give themselves the best possible chance for promotion.

Start preparing for promotion early
“Even though an airman first class is not taking a WAPS test for promotion to senior airman, the EPR he or she is having written today will affect his or her overall promotion score tomorrow,” said Chief Master Sgt. Mark Billingsley. “Decorations are earned as well, not handed out automatically, so it is important that airmen take control of their careers early.”

While some decorations may earn points toward WAPS scoring, winning awards such as airman of the quarter or an academic award from the NCO Academy can help strengthen a record over the course of a career.

However, nothing can hinder a career more than lack of preparation, according to Chief Billingsley.

“Taking time to study for the Specialty Knowledge Test and Promotion Fitness Exam is key for promotion to staff through master sergeant,” said Chief Billingsley.

“One of the worst things a troop can do is listen to someone who tells them not to study because ‘no one makes promotion their first time up,’” the chief added. “This is simply not true. Every cycle, in every grade, there are people who make promotion the first time eligible. They do it by studying and really preparing for the test. And of course, if they don’t quite make it the first time they’ll have a good foundation of knowledge to build on for the next testing cycle, which will come very quickly. Either way they’ll have a leg up on the competition.

Don’t get lax in study habits
“The key is to not rest on your laurels, but to continue to excel by giving yourself the best opportunity for promotion,” added the chief. “That applies for senior NCOs as well. The USAF Supervisory Exam is no joke, those gunning for senior or chief need to take time to study for their test as well.”

“The mistake senior NCOs sometimes make is expecting the board score will carry them over the promotion cutoff, so they don’t take the USAFSE as seriously,” Chief Billingsley said. “There are many fine senior NCOs with outstanding records who miss promotion each year because they haven’t adequately prepared for the test.”

For promotion to senior and chief, the board score, EPR score and decorations make up the largest percentage of the overall promotion score. This only emphasizes that a career is built from day one, according to the chief even though the responsibility falls squarely upon the individual to prepare for promotion, supervisors play an important role as well from start of a military member’s career.

“The importance of ensuring their people are prepared to test is something each supervisor should take a personal role in,” said Chief Billingsley. “It doesn’t matter if they’re an airman trying to complete their Career Development Course for skill-level upgrade or a senior NCO, each person needs to take the time to study



Staff Sgt. Jennifer Jones, 12th Logistics Readiness Squadron, looks over the new Promotion Fitness Examination Pamphlet. (Photo by Airman 1st Class Chad Tarpley)

and prepare before testing.

Keep study materials current
“The supervisor can’t take the test for them, or coach them - studying for WAPS tests must strictly be done independently. But the supervisor can still help by asking how study time is going and making sure they have the proper materials they need to study,” he added.

The WAPS catalog is the first stop each person should make to ensure they have the current study material needed for promotion, according to the chief.

“The unit WAPS monitor is the first place each person needs to visit. Be sure to check the WAPS catalog for current revisions to CDCs, study reference materials and professional fitness exams to ensure you have the right material in hand to study,” said Chief Billingsley.

Supervisors make an impact
Another way that supervisors can directly support the promotion process is by improving their own writing skills - especially when it comes to completing EPRs, decoration citations and award packages.

“All supervisors, from NCOs to officers and civilians, need to ensure they give their people the best possible chance for promotion by writing effective performance reports and awards packages,” said Chief Billingsley. “This is

especially important for those competing for promotion for senior and chief master sergeant, where each individual’s records are reviewed by a board.

“The records best representing a person’s potential for advancement are going to have a better chance than those who have done a tremendous job,” the chief said, “but often their EPRs or award citations don’t effectively reflect their performance or accomplishments.

Since the senior NCO selection folder used by the promotion board includes the last 10 years’ worth of EPRs, its possible there might be staff and technical sergeant EPRs in the folder.

“Sometimes supervisors don’t think about the effect that EPRs they are writing now on staffs and techs will have later in that person’s career,” said Chief Billingsley.

“Too many supervisors wait to put their best effort toward accomplishing master and senior master sergeant EPRs. In reality, every EPR is important to promotion.

“The bottom line is that sustained outstanding performance and solid preparation for the test go hand-in-hand in identifying those with the most potential to step up to that next grade,” the chief said. “The beauty of our promotion system is that it’s visible and allows each person to be involved and have a degree of control over their own career.”



Final sortie

The lead aircraft of a T-6 Texan II demo team taxis down the runway after flying the 12th Flying Training Wing's last sortie for fiscal year 2003 on Sunday afternoon. The demo team returned from an air show at Midland, Texas. The wing's T-1s, T-6s, T-37s, T-38s and T-43s flew a combined total of 50,097 hours for the fiscal year. (Photo by Senior Airman Lindsey Maurice)

Military remains vulnerable to invisible threat

By Senior Master Sgt. Alan McClellan
805th Communications Support Squadron

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. — Government computers and official information are subject to a wide range of threats and vulnerabilities that are a constant, invisible threat to penetrate military networks and degrade warfighting abilities.

Along with those hostile enemies there is also a threat from simple computer hobbyists experimenting with readily available free software to detect and exploit security holes in operating systems, e-mail and browser software.

New attacks against computer systems occur nearly as fast as software vendors can produce security patches. Computer hackers analyze each new generation of security patches to determine how previous security vulnerabilities were corrected.

By doing this, these computer hackers have frequently found new vulnerabilities to exploit. Once hackers identify new vulnerabilities, they use the Internet to spread the word

to others on how to exploit these defense weaknesses.

Software manufacturers, including Microsoft, continue to stay ahead of the hackers, but virus-development time is becoming shorter, so new protective measures must be developed to avoid network catastrophes.

If malicious individuals are unable to break through network firewalls to launch an attack, they often try to bypass the strongest defenses by attaching viruses to e-mail messages to gain access to the “inside.”

As recently as July, a hacker sent out e-mails that advised recipients to visit a phony “Windows-Update” Web site and download a security patch. When users did as instructed, their computers secretly passed control to the e-mail originator, who then hijacked their computers to send spam e-mails as well as establish pornographic Web sites on the captured computers. Other e-mails have contained hidden instructions that exploit unprotected aspects of computers.

To protect computers, users need to ensure they are running antivirus software with current virus-definition files. These files can be checked by “right-clicking” the

computer mouse pointer on the antivirus program icon on the taskbar. That will open the antivirus program information page. If the date of the virus definition file is older than 10 days or if users must manually run “live update” to get new antivirus-definition files, contact the workgroup managers for assistance.

Workgroup managers can help configure computers to automatically keep virus-definition files current. Maintaining antivirus software and deleting suspicious e-mail attachments or Web links from unknown sources, greatly reduces the chance the computer might become a target or virus host.

Users need to pay close attention to the latest virus warnings and requests for system updates. The virus creators are very smart and can readily hunt out unpatched computers to exploit.

Information on computer-defensive postures is available from workgroup managers or information-assurance offices in the 12th Communications Squadron.

AFAIS improves instrument flying skills for military

By Bob Hieronymus
Wingspread staff writer

Flying is both an art and a science. Nothing compares to the thrill of freedom a pilot feels when the wheels come up, the throttle is to the firewall, and blue skies are clear ahead. But that’s just the time when the science of flying kicks in too.

“In today’s crowded skies, pilots are never free from the “rules of the road” that make it possible for all aircraft to fly safely within the instrument environment,” said Lt. Col. Michael Maher, vice commandant of the Air Force Advanced Instrument School here. “That’s why there are instrument refresher courses in every military flying unit.”

Instrument refresher course — just the mention of the name can bring yawns from the pilots who have to endure at least six hours of mandatory review of rules and regulations about instrument flying, according to colonel Maher

“It’s not the subject matter that brings the yawns, most often it’s the way it’s presented,” the colonel said. “Every Air Force pilot needs to stay current on the latest changes in the rules for instrument flight. We build on the knowledge base from undergraduate pilot training to ensure consistent and standardized application of regulatory guidance and practical application of improved technology,” he said.

Flying on instruments has been a way of life for aviators since the 1920s. Although various bases had some form of instrument pilot instructor training since the early 1940s, the task of training instructors who could deliver effective instrument training at the flying unit level



Students from the Advanced Instrument School, Maj. Thomas Hanford from Misawa AB, Japan, and Capt. Jannell MacAulay from Ramstein AB, Germany, work through their assigned mission in the T-40 simulator. Part of an international student body, they are completing the course designed to teach pilots who, in turn, will teach courses in their home units in advanced techniques of instrument flight. (Photo by Bob Hieronymus)

was centralized at Randolph in 1961.

Today the AFAIS is assigned to the 12th Flying Training Wing Operations Group. Commanded by Lt. Col. Stephen Mis, the staff of 10 officers and five civilians not only teach the course but also serve as a primary resource for the Air Force in matters related to instrument flying and international rules of airspace management.

“The professional skills represented in this organization have made a positive impression on U.S. military aviation worldwide.” Colonel Mis said. “The AIS has a unique mission as a Chief of Staff-designated, Air Force-level school that is not duplicated anywhere else in the Department of Defense. Our primary charter is to enhance Air Force instrument capabilities through education and awareness and to reduce instrument related accidents and incidents, including controlled flight into terrain,” he said.

Last year, the AFAIS graduated 293 pilots from the on-base course and trained over 1,000 Air National Guard and Reserve pilots in “instrument road shows” around the country. The student body included pilots from all the U.S. military services, as well as some from other nations.

In addition, the staff participated in Federal Aviation Agency panels, aerospace forums, and cockpit design programs directly impacting the Air Force aviation community.

The resident course runs for 13 days and includes 68 hours of academics and over eight hours of training in simulators for each student. The AFAIS has a set of five T-40 limited motion simulators that are used to present realistic problems to reinforce the

concepts of airspace management taught in the academic portion of the course.

The school recently received a new simulator based on the new “glass cockpit” instrument systems as part of the Air Education and Training Command Education and Training Technology Application Program.

It includes computer generated out-of-the-cockpit visuals using commercial-off-the-shelf software that will likely reduce operational costs, officials said.

The classroom sessions, with about 22 students per class, involve lively discussions about how the rules of instrument flight are played out in real operations. Topics include such things as the variety of holding patterns, missed approach procedures, and the significance of airfield lighting arrangements, as well as FAA and international civil aviation flight rules.

The latter subject is very important when military missions are sent overseas and interface with international air traffic as can happen in expeditionary force deployments, Colonel Maher said.

Students who complete the course go back to their units as resident experts, regularly sharing their knowledge with other flyers through their local instrument refresher courses.

“Most are already instructor pilots or examiners, but keeping up with the latest regulations and techniques for teaching them in an interesting way is a challenge,” Colonel Maher said.

“Professional instrument flying doesn’t have to loose that edge of excitement, when the thrill of flying is well supported by a clear appreciation for and understanding of the rules of airspace management,” said Colonel Maher.

Monday pays tribute to U.S. physician assistants

By Capt. Lisa Burns
12th Medical Operations Squadron

On Monday, physician assistants around the United States, including members of the Randolph Family Medicine Clinic, will celebrate National Physician Assistant Day. It was on that day in 1967 that the first class of PAs graduated from Duke University in North Carolina. For more than 30 years, the PA profession has had a major impact on the delivery of quality medical care in this country. Approximately 183 million patient visits were made to PAs in 2002, according to the American Academy of Physician Assistants. That figure is up more than 30 percent from five years ago, from 140 million visits in 1998. PAs are licensed professionals who practice medicine as delegated by supervising physicians. They provide patient care services that would otherwise be performed by physicians. As part of their comprehensive services, PAs take medical histories, perform physical examinations, order and interpret lab tests, diagnose and treat

illnesses, suture lacerations, assist in surgery and write prescriptions. PAs are employed by solo physician practices, health maintenance organizations, group practices, nursing homes and hospitals. PAs also serve as commissioned officers in all branches of the military and practice as members of the White House medical team caring for the president and vice president. A national report on physician assistants, showed that solo physicians who utilize PAs can increase the number of patients seen. Studies conducted by the Kaiser Permanente Center for Health Research also found patient satisfaction levels with physician assistants high, ranging between 89 and 96 percent. Aspects of patient satisfaction examined by the study included: interpersonal care, confidence in provider and understanding patient problems. To learn more about PAs, visit the American Academy of Physician Assistants Web site at www.aapa.org. For information on how to become a PA, contact Raymon Whitehurst at the Air Force Personnel Center, by calling at 565-2775.

Honoring the Centennial of Flight

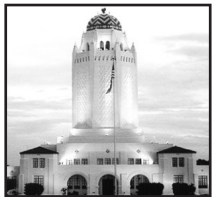
(Honoring the Centennial of Flight is a series of short vignettes honoring the anniversary of remarkable events related to the first 100 years of aviation history.)

By Bob Hieronymus
Wingspread staff writer

The first Ballistic Missile Early Warning System began regular operation at Thule Air Base, Greenland, on Oct. 1, 1960, becoming a product of the Cold War era. After World War II was brought to a close, the Soviet Union drew its “Iron Curtain” across Eastern Europe and threatened much of the free world with communist revolutions. The Cold War began to take shape as a mortal conflict between two opposing ideologies. Tensions between the Soviet Union and the free world escalated until the threats of nuclear war were the daily headlines. In 1952, volunteers of the Ground Observer Corps, armed with binoculars, were organized throughout the country to give visual warning of a Soviet bomber attack. Then the United States entered the missile age. Three BMEWS radars, at Thule, Clear in Alaska and Fylingdales in England, were planned to give overlapping

coverage for warning of this new threat of Soviet missile attacks coming over the North Pole. They were huge, phased array radar antennas as big as football fields that pointed toward the most likely inter-continental ballistic missile flight paths. The Soviets had large fleets of bombers in addition to their ICBMs, so multiple lines of smaller radar stations in Canada, Alaska and the northern tier of states were built to give warning of approaching bombers. The radars were also used to control U.S. and Canadian interceptors. When the radars came on line, the Ground Observer Corps was phased out. By 1962, command and control of the entire defense system was headquartered at the North American Defense Command’s new underground command post in Cheyenne Mountain, near Colorado Springs, Colo. Tracking data from the BMEWS flowed constantly to automated display systems in Cheyenne Mountain. Cheyenne Mountain is still the nerve center of our continental defense system and has also become the operations center for space defense. Now updated, the BMEWS radars are still integral parts of our North American defense system.

Randolph Community Bulletin Board



Miscellaneous

American Society of Military Comptroller's luncheon to be held

The American Society of Military Comptroller's monthly luncheon is Oct. 22 at 11 a.m. in the officers' club. The topic of discussion is "Achieving Financial Management Transformation by Putting People First." The guest speaker is James Short, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, Financial Operations.

A townhall meeting for Air Force Civilian Career Program registrants will immediately follow the luncheon.

RSVPs are required no later than Oct. 16. For more information, call Linda Martinez at 565-4429.

Retirement/Seperation briefing set

The next retirement/separation briefing is today from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the family support center, Building. 693. Spouses are encouraged to attend. For more information, call Debbie Hall at 652-3633.

Veteran Council sponsors breakfast

The Greater Randolph Area Veterans Council would like to pay tribute to the returning servicemembers who served in the Iraqi conflict with a free breakfast from 7:30 to 11 a.m. at the American Legion Post 667 in Universal City.

For directions or more information, call Jimmy Gonzales at 658-9774.

Thrift shop closure

The Randolph Thrift Shop will be closed Oct. 13. For more information, call 658-6990.

Booster Club meeting set

The Randolph High School Booster Club meets the first Monday of each month, with the exception of holidays. The club consists of parents dedicated to ensuring that students and teachers participating in extracurricular activities receive the support necessary to make the experience an enjoyable one for all.

Parents interested in joining the booster club or finding out more about it are encouraged to attend the next meeting Monday at 7 p.m.

All meetings are held in room 24 at the high school annex.

For more information, call Teddy Woodland at 566-2039.

Chief's gathering set

The 21st Annual Chief's Gathering is Saturday at 6 p.m. at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8315, 1000 FM 78 in Schertz.

Active duty, retired, guard and reserve chief master sergeants, sergeant majors and master chiefs in the local area are welcome.

For more information, call retired Chief Master Sgt. Autumn Foley at 566-3201.

School on Columbus Day

Randolph parents and students are reminded that Columbus Day, Oct. 13, is a regular school day this year, not a holiday as it has been in the past.

The dropping of Columbus Day as a school holiday was necessary because of the Air Show scheduled for Nov. 1 and 2. Air Show participants will need Oct. 30 and 31 as flight practice days. Since Randolph High School is within the protective zone, school had to be cancelled on those dates for all of the on-base schools.

All students will have Oct. 30 and 31 off of school, and teachers will have staff development training at Randolph Elementary School, which is out of the protective zone.

In order to make up the class time, Columbus Day was added as a class day and the school year has been extended by one day. Now it ends on June 4.

Randolph Chiefs' Group Meeting

The Randolph Chiefs' Group meets Oct. 3, 3 p.m. at the enlisted club. All chiefs are encouraged to attend. For more information, call Chief Master Sgt. Kent Uphoff, membership chairman, at 652-5503 to visit www.chiefsgroup.org.



Family Support Center

Building 693

Telephone: 652-5321

Bundles for Baby program scheduled

The Bundles for Babies program, which is today from 2 to 2:30 p.m., is a program for active duty members and their spouses who are expecting a baby.

Attendees receive a "bundle" of baby supplies and a "Baby's First Yearbook."

To sign up or for more information, call 652-5321.

Business class set for Tuesday

The Small Business Administration is conducting a seminar called "How to Start Your Own Business," Tuesday from 8 to 11 a.m. at the family support center.

Pre-registration is required, by calling 652-5321 before Tuesday.



Education Services

Building 208

Telephone: 652-5964

Tuition assistance available

Tuition assistance for courses starting in October is now being approved. Register for classes with schools first and bring the bill to the education center, Building 208, to ensure tuition assistance is issued correctly.

Please call 659-5964 for any questions or concerns.

ERAU registration ends Wednesday

The last day to register for the Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University winter term is Wednesday. The winter term runs from Oct. 13 through Dec. 14. The drop/add period runs Oct. 13 to Oct. 17.

For more information, call 659-0801

Park University courses set

Stop by the education center to schedule a free transcript evaluation. Park University offers bachelor's degrees in computer science, management/computer information systems, management/accounting, management/marketing, management/finance, management/human resources and social psychology. Courses are offered in an eight-week format, two nights a week, and online.

Early registration for the fall 2 term runs through Oct. 17. Veteran's benefits and financial aid are available, and tuition assistance is accepted.

For more information, call the Park Resident Campus at 566-9595, or email rand@mail.park.edu

St. Mary's University briefing scheduled

Earn a certification in elementary education, secondary education and a master of Arts in reading or a master of arts in educational leadership.

There is an informational briefing Oct. 16 at 11 a.m. in Building 208, room 32. There will be an overview of the program followed by a question and answer session. If time permits, there will be also be a transcript review session.

To reserve a seat, call 658-4852.

ACCD registration held

Term 2 registration for St. Phillip's College on-base classes is Thursday. Currently enrolled students may register through Oct. 16 by telephone or Web. Various courses such as Texas State Government, United States History 2, Abnormal Psychology, Principles of Accounting 1 and 2 and Macroeconomics are being offered in the second eight weeks.

For more information, call 659-1096 or stop by room 10 of the education center to pick up a term 2 schedule.



Commissary

Building 1075

Telephone: 652-6545

HOURS OF OPERATION

- The commissary hours of operation are as follows:
- ☐ Sunday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 - ☐ Monday thru Friday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
 - ☐ Saturday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Express Shopping for 15 items or less takes place Monday through Friday from 7-9 a.m.



Chapel Services

Building 102

Telephone: 652-6121

Protestant

Sunday - Worship 1 at 8:30 a.m. in chapel 1; liturgical at 10 a.m., in chapel 1; worship II at 11:30 a.m. in chapel 1; gospel at 1 p.m. in chapel 1

Monday - Protestant Women of the Chapel coffee at 9 a.m. in the chapel center; Protestant Advisory Council at 5:45 p.m. in the chapel center; male chorus at 7 p.m. in chapel 1

Tuesday - Men's Bible study at 11:30 a.m. in chapel 1

Wednesday - Film luncheon at 11 a.m. in the chapel center; film luncheon at 12:15 p.m. in the chapel center; PWOC Bible study at 12:15 p.m. in the chapel center; women's Bible study at 6 p.m. in the chapel center; gospel choir at 7 p.m. in chapel 1

Thursday - Children's choir at 5:15 p.m. in chapel 1; precept Bible study at 6:30 p.m. in the chapel center; chancel choir at 7 p.m. in chapel 1

Catholic

Friday - Rosary at 11:10 a.m. in chapel 1; Mass at 11:30 a.m. in chapel 1

Saturday - Catholic Women of the Chapel at 9:30 a.m. in the chapel center; confession at 4:30 p.m. in chapel 1; Mass at 5:30 p.m. in chapel 1

Sunday - Mass at 10:30 a.m. at Eberle Park, parish picnic immediately following

Monday - Rosary at 11:10 a.m. in chapel 1; Mass at 11:30 a.m. in chapel 1

Tuesday - Rosary at 11:10 a.m. in chapel 1; Mass at 11:30 a.m. in chapel 1; contemporary teen and adult choir at 6:30 p.m. in chapel 2; Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults at 7 p.m. in the chapel center

Wednesday - Rosary at 11:10 a.m. in chapel 1; Mass at 11:30 a.m. in chapel 1;

Thursday - Rosary at 11:10 a.m. in chapel 1; Mass at 11:30 a.m. in chapel 1; cantor practice at 6:30 p.m. in chapel 2; traditional choir practice at 7:30 p.m. in chapel 2

Ecumenical

Monday - Wedding briefing at 3 p.m. in the chapel center

Wednesday - Christian Youth of the Chapel Bible study at 7:30 p.m. in the chapel center



Movies

Building 100

Telephone: 652-3278

Admission at the base theater is \$2 for adults and \$1.50 for children unless otherwise noted.

Today

"Grind" (PG), 7 p.m. Starring Mike Vogel — Four high school skateboarders take off on a summer road trip with the hopes of being noticed.

Saturday

"S.W.A.T." (PG-13), 7 p.m. Starring Samuel Jackson — The tables are turned when the Los Angeles Police Department's S.W.A.T. unit must protect a dangerous criminal.

Sunday

"Freddy vs. Jason" (R), 7 p.m. Starring Robert England — It's a clash between two worn-out horror series villains..

Oct. 10

"Open Range" (R), 7 p.m. Starring Kevin Costner — Four cattle herders rid a remote town from the machinations of a ruthlessly evil rancher.

Oct. 11

"Seabiscuit" (PG-13), 7 p.m. Starring Toby Maguire — A true story about horse racing in the 1930s.

Oct 12

"The Medallion" (PG-13), 7 p.m. Starring Jackie Chan — A Hong Kong cop discovers a mysterious medallion can give him incredible speed, strength and skills.

Base offers monthly activities



**Enlisted Club 652-3056,
Officers' Club 652-4864**

Clubs hold membership drive
The 2003 Club Membership Drive, "Travel The World On Us," continues through Oct. 31.

More than 140 people will win travel related prizes valued from \$500 to \$5,000 just for signing up for membership.

In addition to the prizes being offered by Air Force Clubs, the base enlisted and officers' clubs are also providing up to three months free dues and \$25 in club bucks to new members. Also, all members are eligible for weekly drawings. These prizes include a \$50 information, tickets and travel gift certificate and a services coupon book, valued at \$100, for the duration of the drive.

Membership benefits include special discounts on food, entertainment, functions and bingo, and chances to win trips to the Super Bowl, Pro Bowl and a regular season NFL game.

Stop by the Randolph Enlisted Club or Randolph Officers' Club for a membership application and to find out more about the benefits of club membership.

Enlisted club weekly happenings
Sunday - Big Bucks Bingo, 3 p.m.
Monday through Wednesday, Bingo, 7 p.m., early bird 6 p.m.
Wednesday - Pool tournament, Gil's Pub, \$5 entry fee
Jazz, Gil's Pub, 5 to 10 p.m.
Thursday - Wild, Wild West Nights in the ballroom; country/western from 7 to 10 p.m.
Friday - Variety night in Gil's Pub from 8 p.m. to midnight; super social, with complimentary hors d'oeuvres, 5 to 7 p.m.; after work mixer, 4 to 9 p.m.; and night club, hip-hop headquarters, 9 p.m., hip-hop and R&B

Officers' club weekly happenings
Sunday - Champagne brunch, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Tuesday through Friday — Complimentary hors d'oeuvres, 5 to 6 p.m.
Thursday - Bingo, 7 to 10 p.m., Sky Lounge
Friday - Prime rib night, 6 to 9:30 p.m., dining room and social hour, 5 to 6 p.m., Skylounge and Auger Inn

Football Frenzy held
National Football League fans can watch games Monday nights and Sundays at the enlisted or officers' club.
At Football Frenzy, club members

also have the chance to win a trip to a regular season NFL game, the Super Bowl or the Pro Bowl.

**Canyon Lake
1-800-280-3466**

Comal River night dive, snorkel trip scheduled

A night-diving and snorkel trip is scheduled for Sunday on the Comal River.

Participation is limited to 15 people. All divers will be responsible for providing the required equipment and a valid "C" card. Snorkelers must supply all required gear. The cost for certified divers is \$30 and for snorkelers is \$15.

The trip leaves the equipment checkout facility at 6:30 p.m. and returns at 10:30 p.m.

Diving trip offered
All certified scuba divers are eligible to sign up for the diving trip Saturday. The trip consists of a two-tank dive at one of the diving sites on Canyon Lake. All divers must provide required equipment, including a valid certification "C" card. Seats are limited to eight divers per trip.

The price is \$45. The dive boat departs from the marina at 9 a.m. and returns at 3 p.m.

**Information Tickets Travel
652-2301**

Laredo shopping tour set
Laredo shopping tours are scheduled for Oct. 25 and Nov. 29. The bus departs Building 897 at 7:45 a.m. and returns at 9 p.m.
The cost is \$25 per person, which includes round trip transportation and a tour guide.

Kinder trip scheduled
A trip to the Grand Casino on the Coshatta Indian Reservation north of Kinder, La., is scheduled for Nov. 17 and 18. The cost is \$35 per person, based on double occupancy.

The package includes a round trip motor coach transportation, continental breakfast, accommodations, dinner buffet and a tour guide.

Branson tour scheduled
A Branson, Mo., tour is scheduled for Monday through Oct.12. The trip includes seven shows, five breakfasts, four dinners, five nights accommodations and admission to the Silver Dollar City Craft Festival.

The cost is \$695 per person based on double occupancy.

Texas Renaissance Festival scheduled
Discount tickets for the Texas Renaissance Festival in Plantersville, which runs Saturdays and Saturday starting Saturday through Nov.16 from 9 a.m. to dusk, are available at the ITT office for \$17 for adults and \$8 for children ages 5 to 12.

Dickens on the Strand date set
A trip is planned for Dickens on the Strand in Galveston, Texas, Dec. 5 to 7.

The trip includes coach transportation, hotel, a tour of the Williams and Menard Homes, Hand Bell Concert, tour of the ship Elisa, a Welch Breakfast and admission to the Strand. The cost is \$230 per person based on double occupancy.

Upcoming events
Scream III W/B2K, Freeman Coliseum, Saturday
Aerosmith, Verizon Wireless Theater, Saturday
Fleetwood Mac, SBC Center, Sunday
Dwight Yoakam, Far West Rodeo, Sunday
"Wizard of Oz," Lila Cockerel, Oct. 14-19
Pat Green, Far West, Oct. 17
Tracy Byrd, Far West, Oct 24
"Full Monty," Majestic Theater Oct. 28-Nov. 2
"Lord of the Dance," Majestic Theater Dec. 2-7
"A Tuna Christmas," Majestic Theater Dec. 16-21
Advance tickets are available for some shows.

**Equipment Checkout
652-3702**

Outdoor supplies available
Everything needed for the outdoors is at equipment checkout. Camping equipment, sports and recreation equipment, large smokers, barbecue grills, and lawn and garden equipment. A complete equipment listing is available at Building 897.

Boating safety course offered
The next boating safety course is Oct. 15 at 6 p.m. at the outdoor adventure office in Building 1139.
This course is required before rental of pontoon, bass or ski boats at Randolph's Off Base Recreation Area.

RV storage available
Space is still available at the RV storage lot located on Perimeter Road, adjacent to the hunt and saddle club.
The lot is secured, lighted and offers 24-hour access. Storage fees are \$25 per month or \$250 per year.

Flea market scheduled
A flea market is scheduled for Oct. 18 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the clinic parking lot. The cost is \$15 for a space and a table with additional tables available for \$3. People can reserve a table by contacting equipment checkout.

Eberle Park for rent
People can schedule reunions or parties at Eberle Park with equipment checkout. Choose from the grill house, two covered pavilions, or the serving house. Rent all facilities for \$35, pavilions for \$20 each, or the grill house and serving house for only \$10 each.

October Calendar

Today	Drugstore Cowboys, 6:30 to 10:30 p.m., Skylounge, officers' club Balloon festival, today to Saturday, Albuquerque,
N.M. Saturday	Texas Renaissance Festival, Saturday to Nov. 16, from 9 a.m. to dusk, Plantersville, Texas Diving trip, 9 a.m. to 3
p.m.,	Canyon Lake
Sunday	Comal River night dive, 6:30 to 10:30 p.m., Canyon Lake Big Bucks Bingo, 3 p.m.,
enlisted club Monday Oct. 12	Branson tour, through
Tuesday-Wednesday	Children's story hour for preschoolers, 10 a.m., library Bargain warehouse, 8 to 9 a.m. for grades E-1 to E-4 only, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for others, Building 1139 Rob Carter, 6:30 to 10:30 p.m., Skylounge, officers' club Article 15 band, 7 to 11 p.m., Auger Inn, officers' club Pump It Up aerobics, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., main fitness center, Hangar 70 Diving trip, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Canyon Lake All-nighter, 10 p.m. to 3 a.m., ballroom, enlisted club Columbus Day golf tournament, tee times 7
Wednesday	9 a.m., golf course Columbus Day bowling special, \$1.50 per game per person, bowling center Boating safety course, 6 to 8 p.m., outdoor adventure office, in Building 1139 Texas Chili Peppers, 6:30 to 10:30 p.m., Skylounge, officers' club Fall festival, 5 to 7 p.m., child development center Flea market, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., clinic parking lot, outdoor recreation Give Parents a Break, 5 to 11 p.m., youth center, child development center, child development center annex Registration for Thanksgiving break, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. youth center, child development center, child development center annex Bargain warehouse, 8 to 9 a.m. for grades E-1 to E-4 only, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for others, Building 1139 Oct. 23 Dorm birthday meal, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., dining facility
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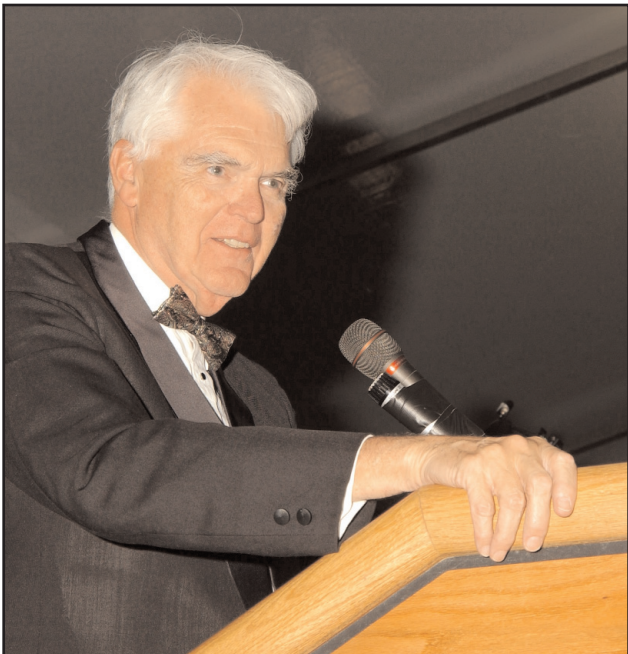
Building 860 — 652-5533
Recorded Menu 652-MEAL (6325)

Weekday meals: 5:45 a.m. to 7:45 a.m. Breakfast 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Lunch 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Dinner	7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Carry out Weekends and Holidays: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Brunch 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Dinner No carry out
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For more information, call the Unit Information Assurance awareness program manager or the wing IA office at 652-4231.



Celebrating Air Force heritage
Former Secretary of the Air Force Dr. Hans Mark addresses the crowd at the 2003 Air Force Birthday Ball Sept. 20 at Hangar 4. More than 600 men and women throughout the San Antonio area attended the celebration. The evening included a ceremony honoring American prisoners of war and those missing in action, and music by the Air Force Band of the West. (Courtesy photo)

Good neighbor: What facility managers do

(This “Good Neighbor” column is designed to help Team Randolph members be good stewards of our historic infrastructure. The column is planned to alternate with the “Construction Corner” and will include helpful tips from our 12th Civil Engineer Squadron for facility managers and housing residents. I appreciate your continuing efforts to help maintain Randolph as the Showplace of the Air Force! — Col. Greg Patterson 12th Support Group commander)

Every building on Randolph has a facility manager. Facility managers maintain all real property on base. You can think of facility managers as the “eyes and ears” of the Civil Engineer Squadron. They are the people whom CE counts on to keep the engineers informed of problems in the buildings all over base.

Every facility manager annually attends a training session hosted by CE. This session, which happens once a quarter, is designed to teach them what their responsibilities are as a facility manager, and what they should and should not do as they maintain their facilities. For example, if a light needs to be changed, and it is less than 12 feet high, the facility manager

can change the light as long as he or she feels safe doing so. However, if it is higher than 10 feet, CE should be called in to take care of the problem. Along the same lines, facility managers are encouraged to make simple replacements, such as switch covers, rather than notifying CE. Facility managers are also briefed on such items as custodial and contract services that occur in their own building. In addition, facility managers are the point of contact for emergencies, evacuations and force protection condition actions and responsibilities. The last training session this year will be Oct. 30 from 9 -11:30 a.m. at the base theater.

All the facility managers have been doing an outstanding job working with CE. “I Love Randolph Week” is a prime example of the great job these dedicated people do for us all year long. This year, “I Love Randolph Week” was extremely successful due to the excellent work put in by the facility managers.

The facility managers are the focal point for every building to report discrepancies, problems or concerns so they can relay to CE. Thanks for a job well done facility managers, and keep up the great work.

EXERCISE EXERCISE EXERCISE

Base handles aircraft accident, undergoes major deployment

By Ralph Monson

12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

The 12th Flying Training Wing Exercise Evaluation Team tested the ability of Randolph personnel to handle an off-base major aircraft accident while in the midst of a major deployment operation last week.

"Overall, the wing responded well," said Henry King, base EET chief. "As in every exercise, we find areas on which we can improve. That's the real benefit from these exercises."

The major accident response exercise demonstrated Randolph's ability to work with the City of Schertz to effectively respond to an off-base accident in its jurisdiction.

"We are required to conduct on off-base exercise at least once a year," noted Mr. King.

"The experience we gain from these exercises is priceless. It helps us build a strong understanding of what each organization would do in case of a real incident."

During the deployment exercise, approximately 200 member were processed through the mobility line and then "deployed" to a bare-bones camp to test their ability to sustain operations during a chemical or biological attack.

"This was one of the most extensive exercise scenarios the wing has been in since preparing for the Air Education and Training Command Operational Readiness Inspection in May," said Mr. King. "We threw a lot at folks and they stepped up to the challenge."

The next installation exercise will take place Oct. 16 when emergency response teams are tested during a simulated air show accident.



(Above) Senior Airman Brittany Robinson, 12th Medical Group, looks for snipers as other team members advance during the base exercise last week. (Below) Senior Master Sgt. Roberta Wyrick, 12th Medical Group, instructs Staff Sgt. Aisha Abell, 12th MDG, on the proper way to clear an M-16. (Photos by Ralph Monson)



(Above) Master Sgt. Leon Roberts and Lt. Col. Mike Arnold, both from the 12th Flying Training Wing, refer to the Airman's Manual to confirm the proper procedures on how to aid someone in the case of a chemical attack. (Right) Charles Cain, 12th Civil Engineer Squadron, Lt. Col. Allen Blume, 12th Support Group deputy commander, Col. Greg Patterson, 12th SPTG commander, and Harry Hewlett, Schertz Emergency Management Team, coordinate response efforts during the off-base exercise. (Photos by Staff Sgt. David Roller)



Fire Prevention Week starts Sunday

By Jennifer Valentin
Wingspread staff writer

With the theme “Get Out! Stay Out!,” Fire Prevention Week runs Sunday through Oct. 11.

And with that in mind, Randolph has several activities planned to help celebrate the week and promote fire safety, said officials.

“We encourage everyone to come out and enjoy the events we have planned at the end of the week,” said Alan Donoho, 12th Civil Engineer Squadron fire department fire inspector. “Both the parade and open house should be a great time and the two events planned for the children of Randolph Elementary School should also be fun and educational as well.”

Today, Randolph’s Enlisted and Officers’ Wives Clubs will judge the Randolph Elementary School fire prevention week posters for their annual contest.

Then, on Tuesday from 8 a.m. to 2:25 p.m. the 12th CES fire department will visit Randolph Elementary School to talk about fire safety and what to do in case of

a fire. The firefighters will also eat lunch with the students.

On Oct. 11, beginning at 9 a.m. in the base exchange parking lot, there will be a fire prevention parade followed by an open house from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the base fire department.

The parade participants include base elementary school students, youth center children, members of the base chapel, base brownies and girl scouts, base cub and boy scouts, civil air patrol members, members of the Schertz, Converse and Universal City Fire Departments and the clinic ambulance.

“Last year’s parade was a big success and a lot of fun for everyone,” Donoho said. “We expect this year’s to be just as great.”

The open house, which follows, will have several activities for children, various informational booths and free hotdogs, cookies and punch.

The poster contest winners from Randolph Elementary School will also be announced and presented with ribbons and plaques at the open house.

For more information, call 652-6915.



Firefighters describe the importance of protective gear to Randolph Elementary School students last year during Fire Prevention Week observance. (Photo by Jennifer Valentin)

Bowling center patron strikes grand prize

By Jennifer Valentin
Wingspread staff writer

A base civil servant was recently named the grand prize winner for the Air Force Services Agency Fast Lanes NASCAR Bowling Promotion.

Ken Echerd, 12th Aircraft Maintenance Organization avionics instructor, won the grand prize from an entry form he peeled off of a beverage cup he purchased at the Randolph Bowling Center.

Little did he know, that that drink would win him round-trip airfare for two to Atlanta, Ga., an invitation to attend the “Coca-Cola racing family reunion,” VIP dinner with some of the professional NASCAR drivers, tickets to the NASCAR races, a racing simulator ride, welcome breakfast, hotel accommodations and \$300 in spending money – a total prize package worth \$12,000.

“I think it is great that I won. I really enjoy NASCAR,” said Mr. Echerd. “I plan to take a friend of mine who I have known for years. We are really looking forward to the trip.”

Mr. Echerd and guest will be watching NASCAR in Atlanta Oct. 24-27.



(Left to right) Col. Greg Patterson, 12th Support Group commander; Ken Echerd, 12th Aircraft Maintenance Organization, avionics instructor; Steve Keller, Coca-Cola key accounts manager; and Bill Baker, Randolph Bowling Center assistant manager, pose after Mr. Echerd received a poster check for \$12,000, representing the Air Force grand prize he won as part of the Fast Lanes NASCAR Bowling Promotion. (Photo by Jennifer Valentin)

According to promotion officials, the promotion drew on the popularity of NASCAR to help increase Air Force bases’ bowling center snack bar sales during the typically

slow summer season. All Department of Defense ID cardholders were eligible to participate.

The promotion ran from May 22 to Aug. 14. During that time, any cardholder who purchased a large fountain drink at any of the Air Force bowling centers received a game piece for instant prizes, including such things as free shoe rentals or free food.

The second part of the game piece contained an entry form for a chance to win a collectible NASCAR racing hood replica, or the grand prize NASCAR VIP trip.

Jerry Ralbovsky, a retired Air Force member, won the collectible NASCAR racing hood.

Col. Greg Patterson, 12th Support Group commander, presented Mr. Echerd with his NASCAR package at a ceremony Sept. 25.

“Commercial sponsorship is a key element of our services marketing program,” said Colonel Patterson. “The support of our sponsors has a significant impact on our ability to go above and beyond in rewarding the great folks that comprise Team Randolph.”

For more information on other services promotions, call the 12th Service Division marketing staff at 652-2052.

12th OSS defeats 563rd FTS, 6-0



Jason Coody, 12th Operations Support Squadron, attempts to shake 563rd Flying Training Squadron defenders. (Photo by Airman 1st Class Chad Tarpley)

By Airman 1st Class Chad Tarpley
12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

The 12th Operations Support Squadron scored a touchdown on their opening drive and then held the lead over the 563rd Flying Training Squadron to win 6-0 Tuesday in intramural flag football action at Grater field.

On the opening drive, the 563rd kept 12th OSS from connecting on any long passes or runs, but penalties hurt them. On a crucial third down, the 563rd was called for defensive holding and 12th OSS got an automatic first down.

After three plays, the 12th OSS quarterback was sacked but the 563rd were called on another defensive holding and the 12th OSS was awarded the ball on the one-yard line. Two plays later, Jason Coody caught a pass down the left sideline and scored the game’s only touchdown. The two point attempt was no good as a pass was knocked down in the end zone.

The 563rd had numerous chances to score in the first half, but dropped passes and a 12th OSS interception held them up.

In the second half, turnovers dominated the game. The 563rd got the ball within 15 yards of the end zone, but a 12th OSS interception stopped them short. Three plays later, 12th OSS returned the favor with a jumping interception of their own.

Both teams traded the ball. With a minute left, 12th OSS made their best play of the game when they connected on a 20-yard pass to get within 10 yards of the end zone.

Working against the clock, the 563rd tried to pass for a touchdown three times, but the ball was batted down by the 12th OSS defense. On fourth down, they ran a quarterback sneak down the left sideline but were stopped short at the two-yard line. The 12th OSS squad ran the clock out and celebrated as they were awarded their second win while the 563rd dropped to 0-2.



Among the best

The Randolph Ramblers varsity softball team finished second in the Air Education and Training Command Softball Tournament at Lackland Sept. 7. (Left to right) Gary Lafon, Joe Kernan and Jeff Hahn. Second row (left to right), Jimmy Layman, Steve Shortland, Chris Jenson, Chris Daniels, Bruce Tarpey, Alan Reynolds, Dave Allick, Jay Jackson and George Macauso. Not pictured is Marty Lund. Shortland, Daniels, Lafon and Kernan made the all-tournament team. (courtesy photo)

Sports Briefs

Cholesterol management workshop set

There is a cholesterol management workshop Monday at 10:30 a.m. The workshop will include a nutrition overview, exercising with results, two behavior modification classes and a cholesterol briefing. To enroll call the health and wellness center at 652-2300.

Physical therapist holds workshop

Help prevent future back injuries and ease back pain with information from a physical therapist at the workshop on Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. For more information, call physical therapy at 652-3137.

Total fitness class Wednesday

The next total fitness class, designed to help improve

fitness habits, is Wednesday at 2 p.m. For more information, or to sign up, contact the HAWC at 652-2300.

Relaxation room available

To make an appointment to use the relaxation room, call the Health and Wellness Center at 652-2300.

Weigh to Win class starts Oct. 16

The HAWC offers a weigh to win class to help people change their eating habits and make life changes for the better. To enroll in the next class, which is Oct. 16 at noon, call the HAWC at 652-2300.

Chung do Kawn class available

Chung do Kawn classes are offered for \$30 per month, for up to five classes per week. Classes are held at the fitness center, Monday through Thursday from 7 to 8:15 p.m. and Saturday from 10 to 11:30 a.m. for anyone over 12 years old. Those interested in enrolling may do so after first observing a class. Master Stephen Glass, a sixth-degree black belt, teaches the class.

Tobacco Cessation class set

A tobacco cessation class, designed to help people quit smoking, is Oct. 14 at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. For more information, call the HAWC at 652-2300.